National Policy for involvement of voluntary sector

838. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to formulate a national policy to involve the voluntary sector in development efforts;

(b) if so, whether the first meeting of the re-constituted joint machinery for collaborative relationship between Government and the voluntary organizations decided that a draft policy would be prepared and circulated among its members; and

(c) if so, by when the national policy to strengthen voluntary sector would be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) and (b) In the first meeting of the reconstituted Joint Machinery for collaborative relationship betwen Government and the voluntary organizations, held on the 18th June 2003 it was decided to formulate a national policy to involve the voluntary sector in development efforts. The draft policy would first be circulated to the Members of the joint Machinery and later to other stakeholders.

(c) As the draft national policy to strengthen voluntary sector is under preparation, it is not possible, at this stage, to provide any definite date for its announcement.

Benefits of reservation system

†839. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government with regard to the benefits arising out of the reservation system to the suppressed class suffering from the problem of social justice.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.